

PRETTY PIALBA



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An appreciation by

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GIRT by Barrier Reef or purple-misted islets the hyaline waters of the Pacific slumber in azure, almost unruffled, except when "the dim legions of the muttering storm" proclaim approaching shower and invigorating breeze.

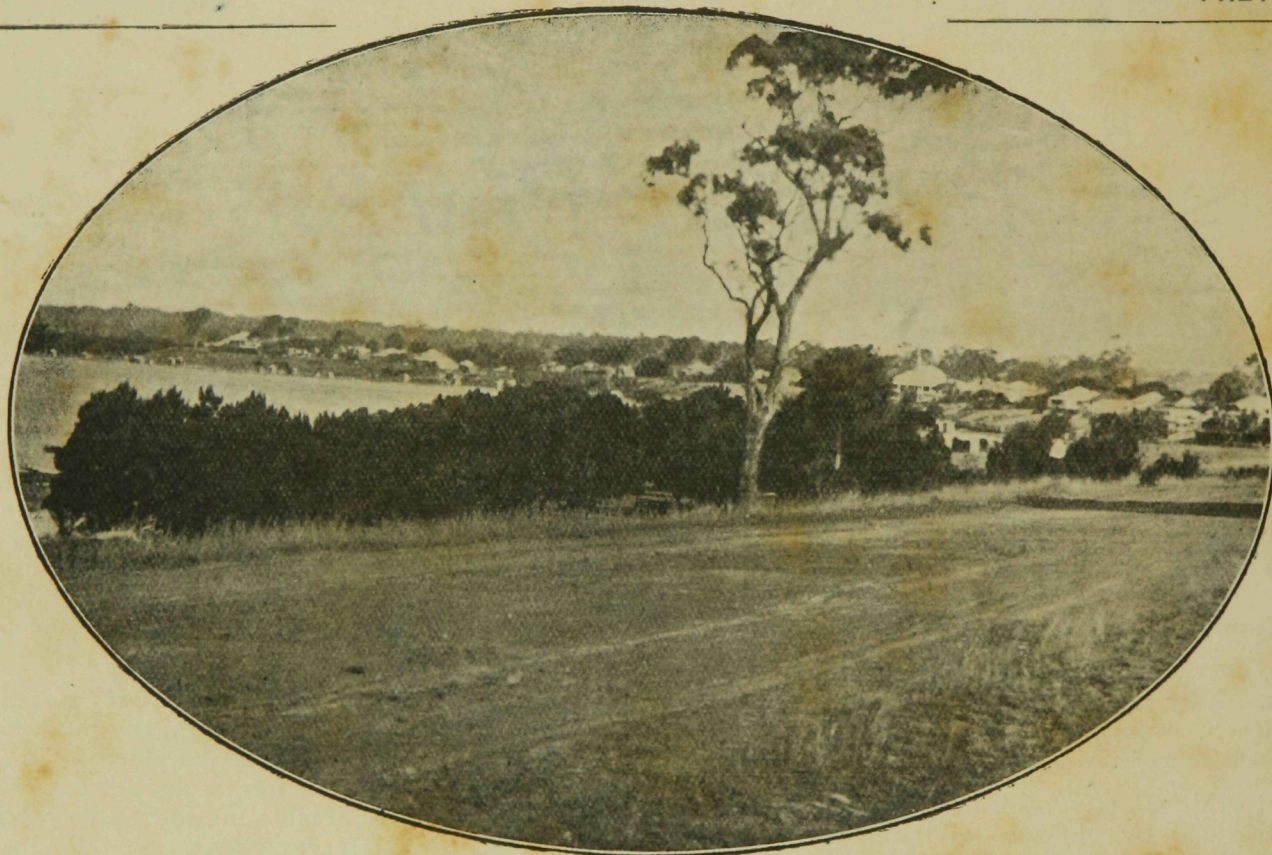
For near a thousand miles Queensland presents to quiet, glassy bays, curve after curve of glistening sandy beach, broken by an occasional grassy headland, itself reflected in the tranquil opalescent sea.

In torrid summer cooled by sea-borne airs, in winter warmed by glowing sand and sea and sky, our coast-line affords a striking contrast to those bordering the other States of Australia.

No wonder then that work-worn artisans, tired shop-men and girls, with women and children, strive to spend their holidays at one or other of the attractive spots verging upon this hyacinthine ocean, there to breathe the ozone-laden air, and bask on sun-kissed strands, or bathe in the translucent waters of these tranquil bays.

And among these sea-side resorts for the weary worker, the convalescent patient, the mother or child broken down by sickness or enfeebled by the sinister heats of the West, no watering-place presents so many allurements as does PIALBA, nature's pretty sanitarium on the shores of Hervey Bay.

Situated some twenty-five miles from Mary-



VIEW FROM POINT VERNON ROAD.
Looking towards Pialba, and showing Cypress Pine Grove.

borough, Piabla is accessible by road or rail. While motor-cars daily traverse the fine hard road connecting the two places, the great majority of travellers utilize the facilities afforded by the railway. The route is mostly through flat and uninteresting country, giving no hint of the charming views to be met with at the termination of the journey.

The railway station at Pialba is a veritable bower of crotons, ferns, and flowering plants. Under the fostering care of the station-master and his assistants, this simple building has been transformed into a highly-attractive resort, evoking eulogistic comment from the highest railway officials, as well as from the general public.

"The many twinkling smile of ocean."

Emerging from the station, the visitor comes suddenly upon the shores of the most extensive marine watering-place in Queensland, Pialba, the "rain-maker" of the Cabbieabbie tribe of aborigines.

Stretching right and left of the observer lies a beautiful curving bay, its two projecting horns enclosing about ten miles of white, hard, sandy beach.

To the left lies Point Vernon, a low verdant promontory, crowned with graceful villas, and affording a vast and exquisite panorama of coastline, sea and land. From this charming view-point,

the observer surveys mile after mile of pleasant homes, embowered in eucalypt and cypress, or surrounded by lawns and fragrant blooms.

Thence towards Pialba is a delightful carriage-drive on a smooth, hard road, from which the visitor looks down upon the iridescent waters of the land-locked bay, the eastern prospect bounded only by the purple-tinted coasts of Frazer's Island and the dark-green heights of Great Woody Island.

At Pialba a short detour, avoiding the mouth of Tuan Tuan Creek, brings the traveller into Scarness, until lately known as Scarborough. Here one has a choice of routes, both leading to the splendid Urangan Jetty.

Along a wide, hard, gently-sloping beach, formed from minute fragments of shells, the disintegrated stony skeletons of corals, and other marine debris, the wheeled-vehicle scarcely leaves a track to mark its passage. On the landward side are graceful pines, forest oaks, breadfruit, and honeysuckle; seaward,

*"The lingering tides, as the pebbles they lave,
Murmur soft a perpetual psalm."*

A drive along this beach from Pialba to Urangan and back again, a distance of about ten miles, in the early morning, behind a pair of good horses, a gentle breeze blowing the while, is a pleasurable experience not soon forgotten.

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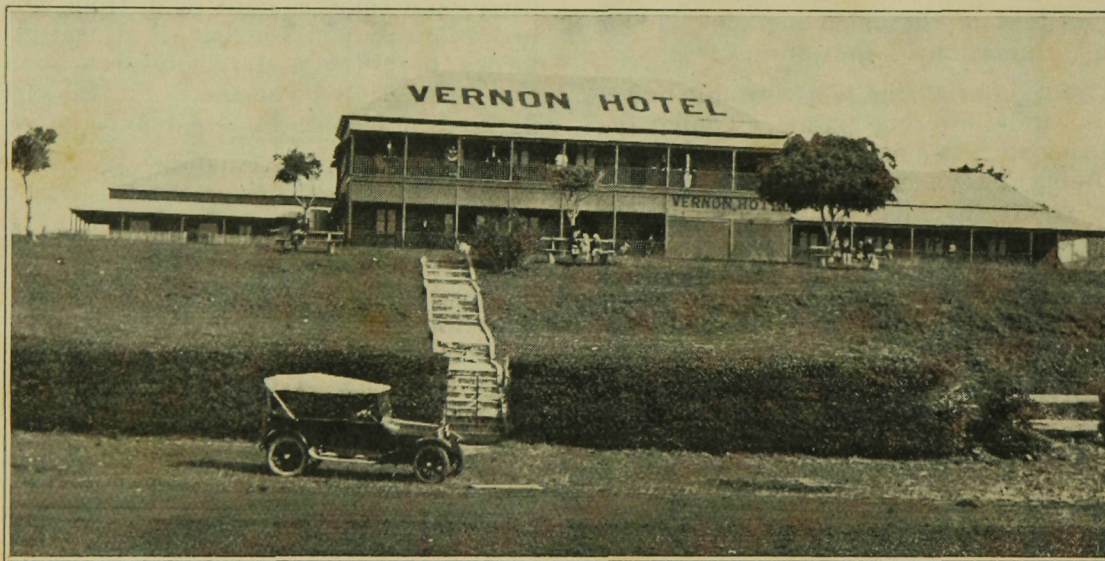
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Here, during the summer season,

"When fiery December sets foot in the forest,"

may be seen troops of children amusing themselves, as only youngsters can at the seaside; bevvies of fair maidens and numbers of men and boys are disporting among the gently-heaving billows; while enthusiastic anglers, waist deep in the tepid water, entice the toothsome whiting. Riders, of both sexes, abound. All is merriment. The very horses seem to catch the contagion that emanates from the sense of freedom, and gallop along the shining sands, sending showers of glistening spray into the air, as if they are brothers of those "brave white horses" sung of by the departed poet of our land.

The ocean, boundless towards the north, the dimly-outlined islands, the white curving beach, the graceful cypress, murmuring she-oak, waving honey-suckle, and quaint pandanus, with elegant villas set in ornamental grounds, all combine to give the district its usual cognomen of "Pretty Pialba."

Another route from Scarness to Urangan lies along one of the best and prettiest roads in Queensland. Constructed through the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of the present Chairman of the Burrum Shire Council, himself a practical working civil-engineer, this road affords a quick, safe and pleasant highway for several miles, parallel to the beach. Throughout the journey the sea is in sight; in fact, the road is separated from the beach by a narrow strip of cypress pines, beneath which tents are pitched, picnickers boil their billies, and others recline in balsamic shades upon softly-yielding sands.

The whole route is marked by comfortable hotels, neat villas, modest marine residences, and boarding-houses of more or less pretentious dimensions, all on dry, healthy sites, with bath-houses and every convenience for visitors.

Arriving at the Urangan Hotel, a short distance past the terminus of the railway, a fresh, more varied, and more extensive prospect meets the eye. This is perhaps the most beautiful scene in the district. From a low grassy headland the eye roams across a narrow reach of deep-blue water towards Big and Little Woody Islands ("Tooleewah" and "Gneer"), the umbrageous slopes of the larger island crowned by white lighthouses; to the left lies a fine pier or jetty, extending seawards some eight hundred yards, and terminating in a wharf at which



*VIEW OF PART OF PIALBA RAILWAY STATION,
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vessels having a draught of thirty-six feet can load and unload ; near at hand a picturesque lighthouse, rising straight out of the sea, breaks the foreground ; and away in the distance, stretching for many miles, lie the long low hills of Frazer's Island (Moonbi), losing themselves in distance to the north at Sandy Cape, and reaching south as far as the eye can see in sandy dunes and white precipitous cliffs.

Land and sky,

" And shining places where the sea-streams lie,"

cloud and shadow, fretted wavelet, serenity, the murmuring fringe of forest, all unite to form an enchanted fairy-land.

And it is not only during the fiery heats of summer that Pialba should be visited.

In the writer's estimation, the winter months afford pleasures of the highest order in this delectable spot. When frost grips the highlands of the south, and the hinterland is dry and sere,

*" The West, when it blows at the fall of the noon,
And beats on the beaches,
Is filled with a tender and tremulous tune,
That touches and teaches."*

No severity of winter-climate destroys the most fragile flower along the sea-front ; the west wind,

when it blows, is broken by ridge and pine tree fringe ; there is no thunderous roar of heaving and breaking billows ; all is warm, calm, serene ; the sea is like a gigantic scintillating lake ; and here the sufferer from asthma or influenza finds the life-giving warmth, mildly bracing air, and quietude, for which he may elsewhere search in vain.

As regards accommodation, the visitor has choice of five commodious and well-appointed hotels, the Vernon, the Pialba, the Scarborough, the Torquay, and the Urangan, each the centre of a district having its own special charms, and each conveniently situated near a separate railway station.

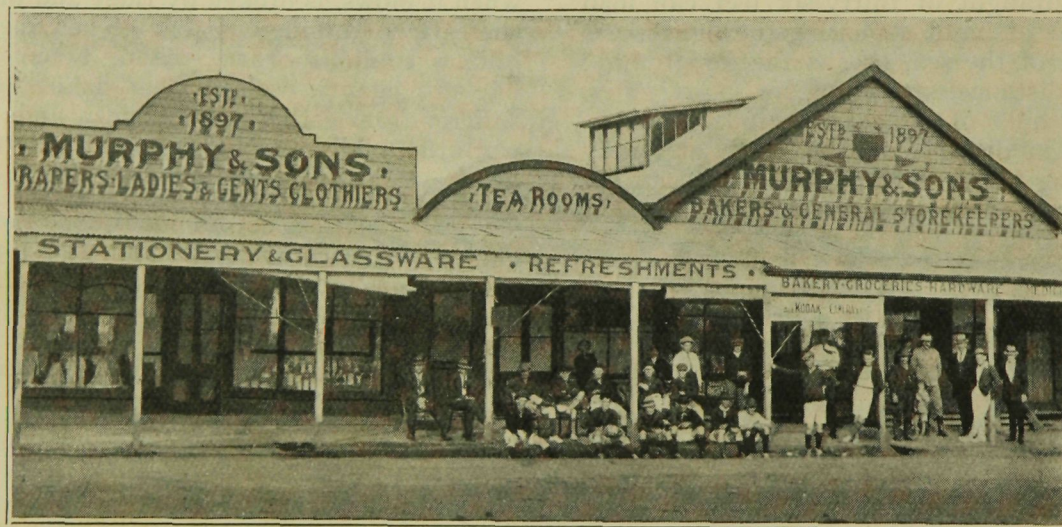
There are also several boarding-houses and numerous cottages to let. These latter are especially suitable for those who wish to live *en famille*, but early application is very necessary for these temporary homes, as most of them are engaged months before the summer season.

The visitor who wishes to be " far from the madding crowd " will be fortunate if he or she can secure accommodation at the Point Vernon end of this extensive marine resort. Here he will be on high ground, with a grassy reserve in front, and a view bounded only by purple islands and cerulean sea and sky.

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Fishing Attractions

NO description of a marine watering-place would be complete without reference to its discatorial attractions.

In the opinion of many southern anglers, Pialba takes a high place among those delightful spots which yield the sport so dear to the wielders of the rod or hand-line.

Professional fishermen secure on neighbouring beaches large hauls of sea mullet, whiting, tailor, and bream.

During the summer, whiting and gar of unusually large size abound upon the gently-sloping sands, upwards of fifty being frequently taken before breakfast by one rod. Rock fishing yields numbers of gaudily-painted parrot-fish (the true groper) and large sweetlips (locally known as Blackall). During the winter season a boat should be used upon the calm bay, when large winter whiting afford lively sport. At this time squire, schnapper, and huge rock-cod are caught near Point Vernon. But it is among the predatory mackerel that the most strenuous sport is to be found; and whether fishing from the Urangan jetty or from a boat, the pursuit and capture

of this lively fish call for all the skill of the angler. Of course, here as elsewhere, the pot-hunter employs lines and hooks that the true angler would scorn to use.

In deep water huge turtles are occasionally hooked, and at rarer intervals a large shark. But, while Pialba has been for fifty years the Paradise of bathers, no casualty of any kind has been here experienced from the presence of these dangerous brutes.

Fishing from the Urangan jetty on winter nights, dew-fish of some sixty pounds weight are frequently caught, as well as nearly every variety of deep-water fish; and here it is necessary to use stout lines and heavy sinkers, the tidal stream being very strong.

Eli Creek yields numbers of large crabs all the year round.

The waters south of Woody Island are the home of the oleaginous dugong. Some years ago an important industry was carried on there in the capture of this remarkable marine mammal. The leaner parts of this herbivorous animal's carcase, when cured,



HOLIDAY TIME ON THE BEACH,
View looking towards Point Vernon.

forms appetizing bacon; the fat, when rendered and refined, is strongly recommended by many physicians as a superior substitute for cod liver oil; and the thick hide can be made into a strong, tough leather.

The capture of this big mammal is effected by means of strong nets of large mesh, staked in the animal's feeding-grounds among marine grasses, the dugong being thus kept beneath the surface and drowned.

On every rocky ledge are to be found small, but sweet oysters; while, to the south of Urangan, exist the famous Wide Bay oyster-beds, extending for miles along the littoral, and supplying Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and the hinterland with thousands of bags of these valuable bivalves. Extensive oyster-beds also exist around Woody Island, at the Burrum River to the north of Pialba, and at Boonooroo.

These luscious molluscs formed in the past a no-mean part of the food of the coastal aborigines; and at several spots along the shore are to be found "middens" or heaps of decaying shells, some containing waggon-loads of these interesting relics of past aboriginal gastronomic feasts.

Rabbits are fairly numerous on Woody Island.

The ungainly pelican and graceful black swan are frequent visitors; while curlews, snipe, egrets, spoonbills, and other shore-birds are numerous. It is to be hoped, however, that the Pialba district will be proclaimed a sanctuary for these and other harmless and beautiful feathered visitants. In the neighbouring scrubs the mounds of the scrub-turkey are frequently met with, and at certain seasons the flock-pigeon appears in considerable numbers, to feed upon the berries of certain trees.



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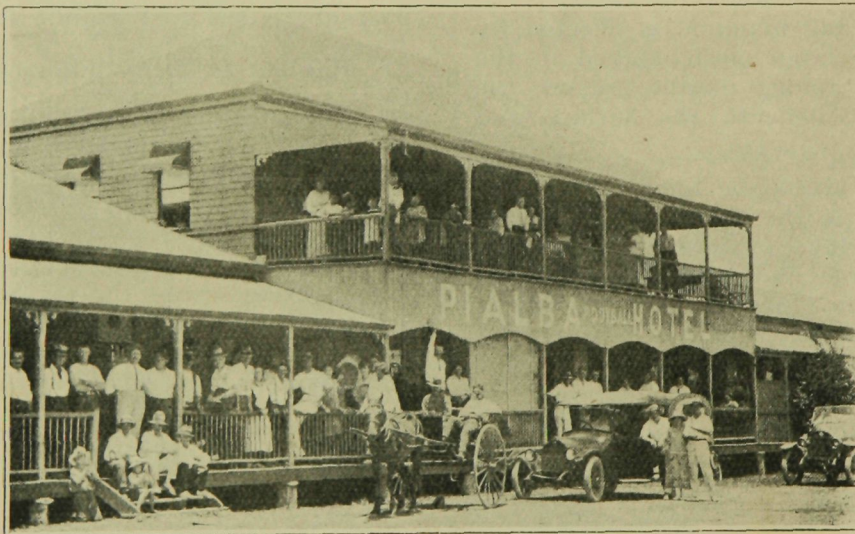
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Temperature

While the sun-heat is high in summer, in common with most subtropical areas, the atmosphere at Pialba is constantly cooled by the sea-breeze, and the shade temperature is never excessive. The muggy heat and choking dust, so unpleasantly prevalent in Brisbane and other cities during certain seasons, are here unknown. A change from city's toil and heat to the care-free sands of Hervey Bay renews one's life and spirits; dejection becomes transformed into buoyancy, animation takes the place of languidness.

The summer of 1921-22 was unusually long and severe, but at the writer's home ("Mynook," Point Vernon) on no single occasion did the shade temperature reach 90°. Here tomatoes ripen in mid-winter, and during nine years' continuous residence only two slight frosts have tinged the leaves of the sweet potato.

Thus there are no extremes of heat and cold; while the maximum of sunshine and the minimum of boisterous winds render this resort very suitable for sufferers from pulmonary or bronchial affections.

Along the sea-front the approximate average temperatures are:—

In Summer: mean maximum	80°	} Average 70
In Summer: mean minimum	60°	
In Winter: mean maximum	70°	} Average 62
In Winter: mean minimum	54°	

Rainfall.

As in all parts of Southern Queensland the rainfall is erratic. The wet months are January, February, and March, during which months very heavy falls sometimes occur. In or about July there is a further fall, usually of a light and sporadic character. The latter part of the year is almost always dry, except for an occasional thunderstorm.

The average yearly rainfall is 39.75 inches.

Sometimes the fall is abnormal and excessive. In January of 1913, over three thousand nine hundred points of rain fell in three days. These heavy falls generally accompany electric disturbances.

The deposition of dew is generally very heavy.

Water for household purposes is conserved in iron tanks.

Cattle and horses depend upon a few natural lagoons, public dams, and subterranean supplies raised by means of hand-pumps.

A proper system of local water-conservation is decidedly the most important subject for consideration by the Burrum Shire Council, owing to the increasing population, permanent and temporary, at this favourite natural sanitarium and progressive holiday resort.



*BEACH AT SCARNESS,
Looking towards Urangan, and Depicting a Summer Crowd.*

HISTORY OF SETTLEMENT

The history of the Pialba district is that of most settled coastal areas; the exploitation of marketable timbers, pastoral occupation, settlement by farmers and denudation of scrublands, general agriculture. Previous to 1870, kauri pine, hoop pine, and ash were rafted to the Maryborough and Dundathu saw-mills. Gum and ironbark logs were loaded on punts at Bingham. The open forest lands at Pialba and Booral were utilized for grazing purposes.

In 1872, Mr. L. Nissen took up the first selection near the present Urraween railway station, on which property he has lived for the past fifty years.

Danish settlers then occupied areas around the well-known Scrub Hill; and valuable areas were selected at Dundowran, the Takura Scrub, and the Mountain. Scrub-felling and burning-off, fencing, and corn-planting followed, the corn fetching 1s. 3d. a bushel at Maryborough, twenty-five miles away. Dairying, carrying, and work upon the roads assisted to keep the struggling selectors upon their feet.

Then came the era of cane-farming.

Stimulated by the promise of large pecuniary returns for labour and investments, considerable

areas were put under cane. Funds were too easily borrowed, the deeds of the selections being given as security. Kanakas were employed. Four sugar-mills were erected at Doolong and Pialba. Money circulated freely for a time, and prosperity was in sight until the bubble burst. Splendid cane was grown. Owing, however, to defective machinery and generally incompetent management, a large part of the sugar contents was lost, an inferior article was produced, a long road haulage to Maryborough had to be faced, and the price of sugar was low.

Mill after mill closed down, the machinery was removed to other localities, and the selectors were faced with ruin.

Cane was sold for a shilling a ton as it stood. the purchasers cutting it, carting it by road to Maryborough, and there selling it to the mill for 8s. a ton,

Success came with the railway. Now the district supplies cane to the Bauple, Doolbi, and Maryborough sugar-mills.

Immediately around Pialba the cane is of somewhat low growth—the average crop being about twenty-five tons to the acre—but the density is high, and the pecuniary returns are satisfactory.

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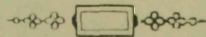


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At Takura the average is higher, but the haulage presents considerable difficulty.

Among the farming population generally, the change from the former bitter struggle for existence to the present condition of comparative prosperity is very apparent. The old make-shift homes have given place to neat frame-houses; children are well-clothed, and, with their mothers, are free from most of the toil and worry to which they were subject under the old conditions of living.

Good horses and neat vehicles are on every farm; several farmers own motor-cars; amusements for old and young are provided at Pialba and in most centres of population; churches, Sunday-schools, and State schools are within the reach of all. Communication with Maryborough by road or rail is easy, and through that town the Southern States are reached. The railroad is freely used; the press is perused in every home; old and young take a lively interest in public matters; local Progress Associations ventilate the wants of each section of the community, and thus assist the Shire Council.



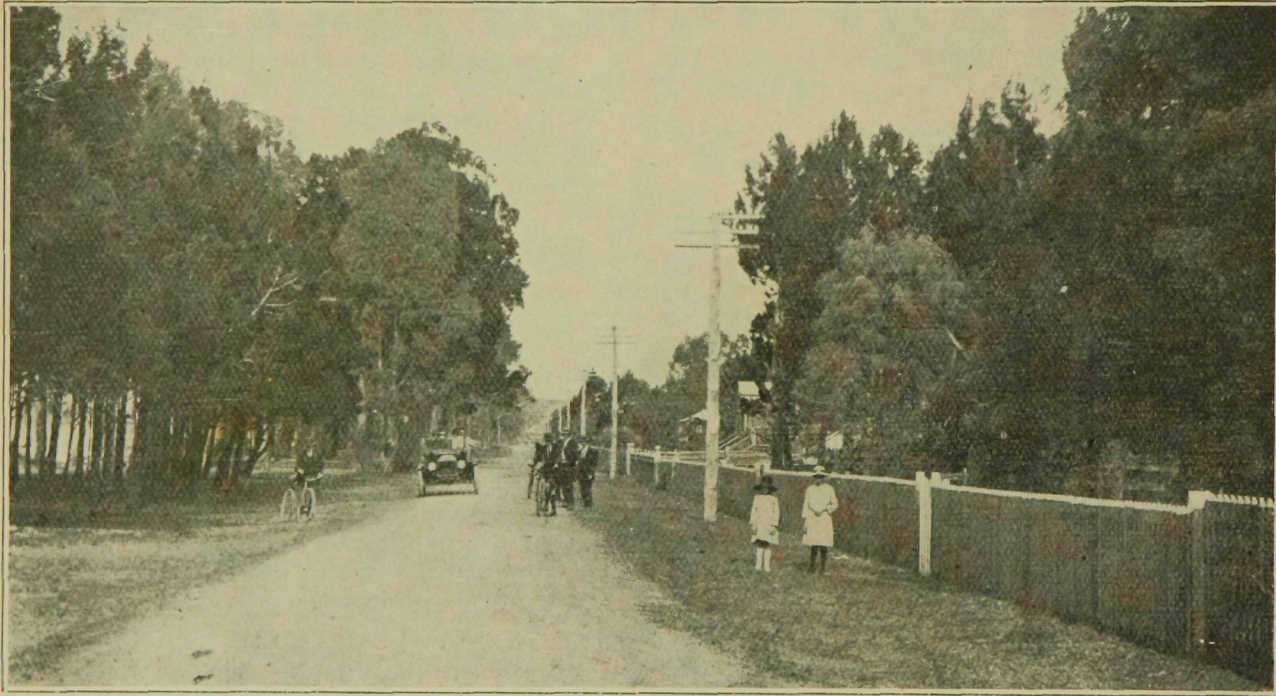
PRODUCTIONS.

Although sugar-cane forms the principal crop around Pialba, great quantities of fruit are produced.

Towards Bingham, Messrs. Northcote, Austin, Tidcombe, and others have grown bananas of fine quality and in large bunches. At Dundowran and Takura also this fruit is largely grown and forms a very remunerative crop. From the same districts thousands of cases of excellent pines are railed to the Southern cities.

Towards the Burrum citrus fruits are produced in abundance, oranges, mandarins, lemons, cumquats, and citrons finding a ready sale.

In every part of the district, in fact, tropical and semi-tropical fruits grow freely; mangoes, persimmons, tomatoes, paw-paws, passion-fruit and custard-apples bearing heavy crops with the minimum of care and cultivation. (*See also Notes on Exhibits*).



ESPLANADE LEADING TO URANGAN,
Ten Miles of Splendid Road.

Cotton has lately been grown in small quantities, but of excellent staple. (*See also Notes on Exhibits*). Some selectors have successfully tried sisal-hemp; the resulting fibre being fine and strong, suitable for manufacture into rope and cordage.

On a low hill at Dundowran, situated less than a mile from the beach, the visitor will find the famous Belle View coffee plantation. Out of the dense tropical jungle Mr. T. A. Bromiley has evolved a little Paradise. Standing out of the deep chocolate-coloured volcanic soil are thousands of healthy coffee-trees. They form a beautiful sight, whether presenting to the spectator their deep-green shining leaves, or decked with myriads of white starry blossoms, or covered with the glossy crimson cherries.

This enterprising planter has by his own initiative proved the suitability of our sub-tropical coastal lands for the production of coffee of the very best quality. He unites in himself the dual roles of planter and manufacturer. He grows the cherry, pulps, removes the parchment and silver-skin, roasts the prepared bean, grinds it and packs the manufactured article in neat twelve-ounce cartons ready for the merchant or retailer.

Mr. Bromiley's coffee has received the highest encomiums from the most experienced coffee merchants in London. There are thousands of acres along the

Queensland coast that would produce this high-class coffee under similar careful cultivation.

Mr. Bromiley has also grown a new and superior pineapple from seed, and his mango-trees are a proof of the wonderful fertility of this portion of the district.

It is by such men of initiative and resource that agriculture may be raised above the sordid conditions which too often accompany its practice.

At present mixed farming is nearly general.

There is daily communication by rail with the Maryborough Co-operative Butter Factory; and the rattle of cream-cans at every railway-station points to the circulation of a certain amount of hard cash.

The sweet-potato grows rapidly from cuttings, and yields heavy crops in nearly every variety of soil. Separated milk, combined with a ration of these tubers, affords ample food for young pigs; and these animals, of about 100lbs. weight, find a ready sale during the winter months at the factory of Reed's Ltd., Maryborough. Several farmers cure and smoke their own bacon, thus supplying their homes with a nutritious article of food at little cost. These side-lines (bacon-curing, butter and cheese making, jam-making, etc.), assist to make farming pay, and furnish welcome additions to the daily fare.

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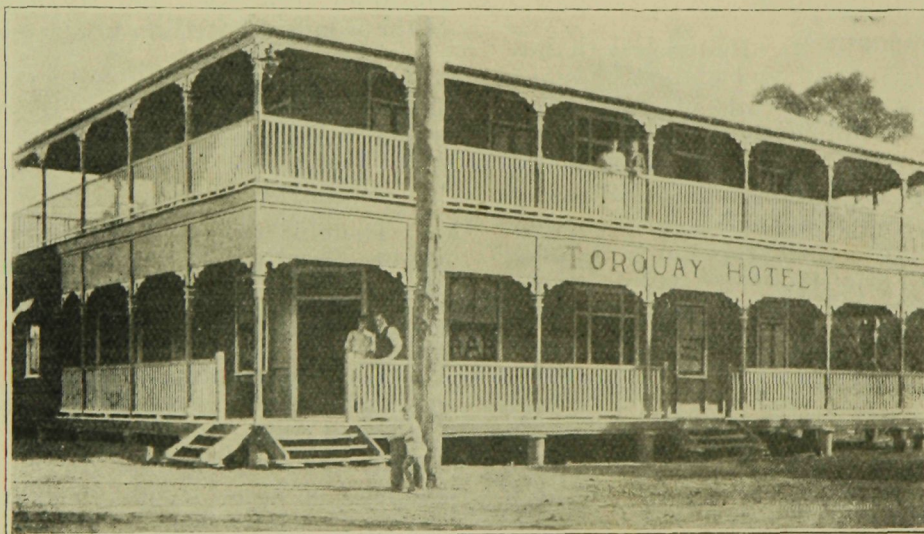
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GROWTH ALONG THE BEACH.

Coincident with the growth of settlement in the neighbouring scrub-lands, houses began to appear along the beach frontage. In the early seventies one or two slab humpies sufficed for their owners' simple wants. The beach was lined by gunyahs, the homes of a large tribe of aborigines, whose food consisted chiefly of the fish which the bay so liberally supplied. Bad opium, worse grog, and disease have almost annihilated this once-numerous tribe.

Where corroborees were performed and tribal encounters were fought, peaceful gardens exist. Slab huts and bark gunyahs have now given place to palatial hotels and comfortable residences. Slowly there grew up a residential population on the beach-side. Police station, post office, State school, and church supplied the growing wants of the settlers. The Maryborough road was made into a fine highway

for wheeled vehicles, and trips to the bay became frequent. Thus the sea-frontage became gradually occupied; one "estate" after another being cut up into allotments and sold. The construction of the railway to Pialba and its subsequent extension to Urangan gave new impetus towards settlement and the erection of buildings; and now there is a thriving and widely-extending township, with churches, stores, schools, masonic and other lodges, telegraphic and telephonic communication, and regular social gatherings. Its stores are replete with every necessity in the way of food, clothing, and household requisites, and the prices are reasonable. Bakers, butchers, harness-makers, saw-millers, blacksmith, and the usual artisans necessary to a community are all represented; the public servants are efficient and courteous; and the whole district is singularly free from crime, poverty, and sickness.



TORQUAY BEACH after a "King-tide."

ATTRACTIONS FOR NEW SETTLERS

There are two methods of settling upon the land in this State: one calls for strenuous and protracted preparation in isolated situations, far from the pleasures of society, without roads, without medical aid or religious consolation, and on land held only upon lease and subject to unforeseen increases in rent: the other method calls for the purchase of land already cleared, and ready for occupation and utilization.

So alluring have been the attractions of this district that no suitable Government land remains available for selection. Farms may however be purchased in various parts of this productive area, with plenty of land ready for the plough, its fertility not impaired, and capable of yielding a rapid return for the capital invested.

These properties may be obtained on reasonable terms, and must give satisfaction to the settler who is not afraid to work. In return for such a sensible investment he has the advantages of good roads, proximity to the railway and sea-carriage, a convenient market, the amenities of social life, an

unparalleled seaside resort in the immediate neighbourhood, and the practical knowledge gained by years of experience on the part of his neighbours.

The climate avoids alike the oppressive steamy heat of the tropics and the frost and icy blasts of the southern headlands. Blight and fevers do not exist; there are no endemic maladies, and even epidemics give the district a wide avoidance.

To the farmer and fruit-grower or planter with progressive ideas and initiative we offer a hearty welcome. The land will readily respond to modern methods of cultivation, the introduction of labour-saving machinery, and the scientific application of correct fertilizers.

The retired civil servant, shopkeeper, or grower can obtain building-allotments in every section of this widely-extended marine sanitarium; and all such are cordially and courteously received. Even the casual visitor must be impressed with the aesthetic attractions of the district, the ready means of locomotion, and the general air of prosperity, pleasure, and placidity.

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Notes on the Exhibits.

(1) **Dairy Produce** : Butter, all hand-churned. The whole district is suitable for dairying. The natural grasses are not very nutritious, but all kinds of fodder plants, such as lucerne, Rhodes grass, the millets, the sorghums, cow pea, green maize, and Indian cane readily respond to cultivation and yield heavy crops. A butter-factory is working in Maryborough. The house-manufacture of Cheddar cheese should be renewed in this district.

Eggs : Every variety of domestic fowl does well here. Suitable grit is obtainable in inexhaustible quantities from the beaches. The formation of a Poultry Club in Maryborough has resulted in a greatly-increased interest in poultry-raising and egg-production.

(2) **Foods** : Hams and Bacon : All hand-cured and smoked on farm premises. This production is a necessary adjunct to the dairying industry. Sweet potatoes yield enormous crops from cuttings, and these tubers form with separated milk a suitable ration for growing pigs.

There is a bacon-factory in Maryborough.

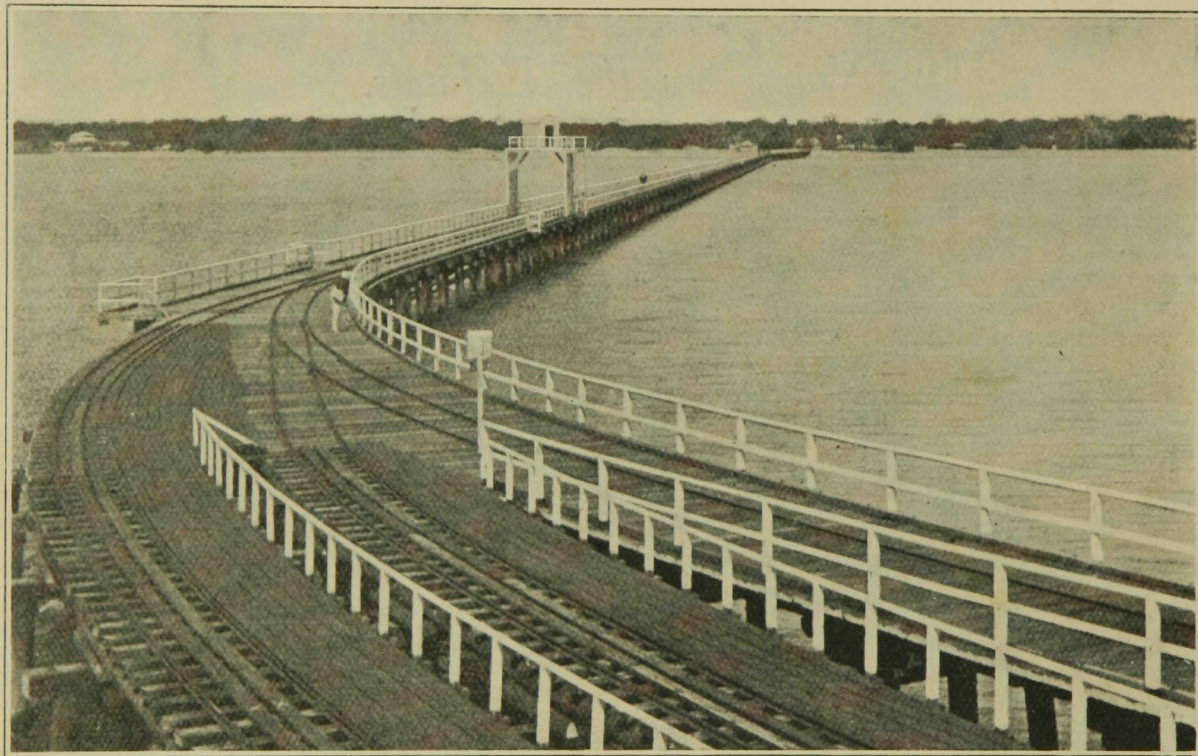
Fish : Suitable for curing and smoking, mullet, tailor, and mackerel, all abundant in the neighbouring seas. This industry could be vastly extended ; fish, other than canned varieties, being a luxury in the more inland parts of the State.

For oysters and dugong, see section dealing with fish generally.

Lard, tallow, etc. : By-products arising from the slaughter of pigs and cattle. No meat-works exists in this district. The exhibit is non-professional.

Honey : The whole of the district is especially suitable for the production of this valuable article of commerce. The sources of supply are the blossoms of native eucalypts, myrtles, grasses and trefoils, and cultivated gramineae, cow peas, sunflowers, and lucerne.

Bee diseases are not general and are usually avoidable. There is a certain amount of destruction by the gorgeous bee-eater and the sooty swallow.



URANGAN JETTY, looking towards Shore.

Every farmer should possess a few hives of bees, as these insects assist in the fertilization of fruit-trees and of seed-bearing plants in general. Honey is produced in considerable quantities at Dundathu, the Island Plantation, and the Lemon Grove Apiary at Dundowran. The exhibit embraces honey in all its forms and every by-product of the hive.

3. **Fruits:** All sub-tropical and most tropical fruits succeed here.

Pines: This fruit is largely grown around Pialba. The smooth leaf, rough leaf, Ripley Queen, and Black Prince all luxuriate in the warm moist air and slightly saline soil. Individual fruit of enormous size are of frequent occurrence. Carriage by means of fruit trains avoids the injury caused by a long sea journey, and lands the Pialba pines in good condition in the Southern markets. It is a pity that this luscious fruit is not more generally sent to the interior parts of our own great State.

Bananas: Few districts can grow this fruit in such perfect form and sound condition, and in such remarkable bunches.

The poorer soils yield the sugar and lady-finger varieties, and the scrub lands produce heavy crops of the prolific Cavendish. Around Takura the Gros Michael has yielded astonishing results. Even on the stony ridges near Pialba, and between huge

boulders, bunches of 20 dozen and upwards are grown. The manufacture of banana figs and banana flour awaits the advent of some enterprising settler.

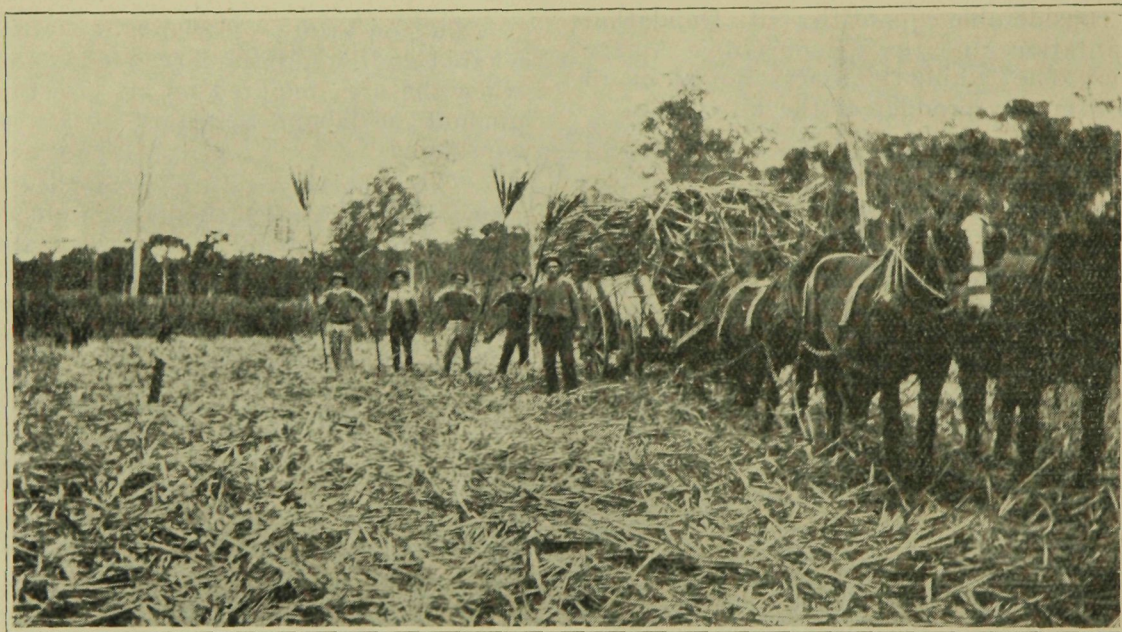
Passion-Fruit: Perhaps no crop yields such a rapid and large pecuniary return as this small fruit, when the area required for its growth and the small amount of labour necessary to its production are considered.

The monetary return from the fruit grown on a few rows has caused the local production to advance by leaps and bounds. There is an almost unlimited market for it in the south. The vine requires merely support on a trellis or post and wire fence. It bears the same year the seed is sown, and the plant is practically a perennial.

Citrus fruits are largely grown around Howard and at the celebrated Melrose Orchard at Tinana. It is unfortunate that the lime is not appreciated at its full value in Queensland. It is easily grown, is very prolific, and yields an acid juice eminently suited for the preparation of squashes.

Vegetables: These succeed best on alluvial flats (Island Plantation), and in the detrius at the foot of hills (near Dundowran).

Roots: Potatoes, sweet potatoes, swedes, onions, carrots all grow freely. The mangold has not been given a sufficient trial.



CANE CUTTING AND CARTING, Pialba District.

Peanuts yield a remunerative crop in light soils, but require close attention when nearly ready for harvesting.

(4) **Grain** : Wheat and barely are grown only for chaff. Maize is subject to insect pests near the coast.

Oats : Only rust-resisting varieties succeed. The other grains and seeds exhibited have been grown in parts of the district more remote from the sea.

(5) **Woods** : Part of the exhibit is from Boonooroo. Inexhaustible forests of useful and ornamental timbers exist on Frazer's Island.

This vast sandy tract, formerly the home of cannibal aborigines, has for more than fifty years yielded immense quantities of pine and hardwood timbers. Some varieties, until lately considered of no value, are now extensively used.

Here a State nursery for many kinds of native pines and hardwood exists, and a genuine effort is being made to reforest large tracts of this huge, nearly-empty island. Perhaps in no similar area in Australia are there so many varieties of useful and ornamental timbers growing in a state of nature.

It is unofficially stated that these Government experiments in afforestation are to be extended to

the "Wallum" country lying between Pialba and Maryborough.

(6) **Hides** : There is no local tannery.

(7) **Tropical Products** : Sugar-cane grown principally on scrub-lands.

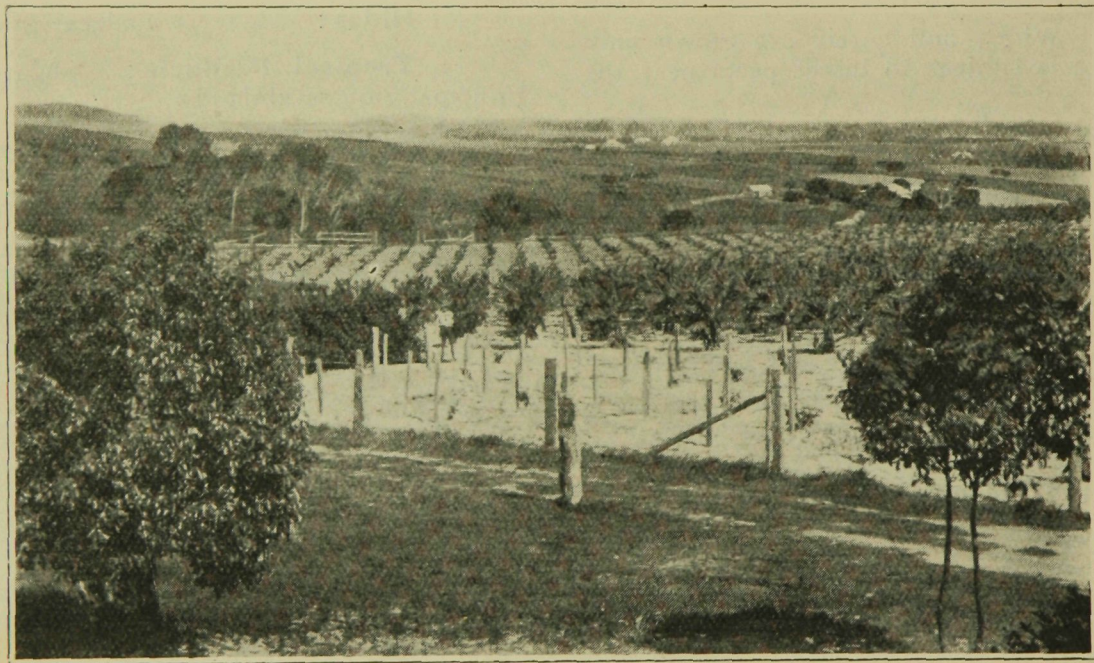
Throughout the Pialba area the land should receive more thorough cultivation and a more scientific manuring. (*For Statistics, see Addenda*).

Sisal-hemp : Grown and home-manufactured by Mr. Fletcher at Takura.

Cotton : There are thousands of acres suitable for the growth of this raw material for textile manufacture. The heavy rains in the summer may possibly be injurious to the boll. The growth of this fibre upon the Wallum has been proposed, and is under consideration.

By-products are cotton seed, cake, and oil. Cotton seed is now being used at Cooroy for cow-feed.

(8) **Minerals** : Coal : Near Pialba, and extending for several miles, are wide and at present unproductive areas covering vast coal-measures. At Howard and Torbanlea mining for this valuable fuel has been carried on for many years. This coal is of good quality, and should be more extensively used for domestic purposes. Extensive tracts have yet



BANANA PLANTATION near Pialba.

to be tested for the presence of seams of marketable coal, and a large part of the country between Pialba and Maryborough may yet be proved capable of yielding vast supplies of the "black diamond." Persons familiar with Newcastle and the South-Coast District of New South Wales will understand the effect such a discovery would have upon the population and advancement of the whole of this district.

Sand: Suitable for the glass-blower.

Shell and Coral Grit: For poultry and cage-birds.

Salt: From sea-water. The evaporation of 8,000 gallons of sea-water yields one ton of salt.

Coral: When burnt in kiln forms best lime.

Carbonate of Lime: Natural tooth-powder.

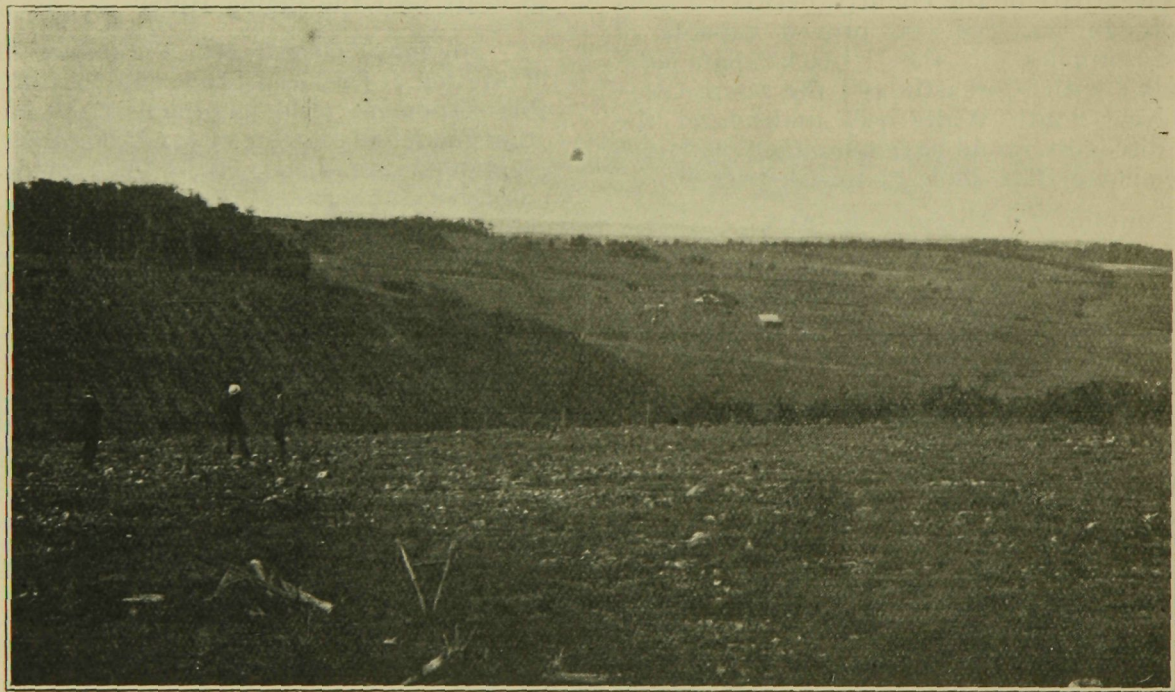
Other Mineral Exhibits: Sandstone, kaolin, antimony, kerosene-shale, soft iron.

(9) **Tobacco**: Self-grown without disease for 40 years near the Pialba Hotel.

(10) **Hay, Chaff, etc.**: Product of the Island Plantation. The deep black alluvium of this remarkable settlement yields enormous crops of lucerne and other fodder plants, sugar-cane, potatoes, and garden vegetables. Ensilage could be made in almost unlimited quantities throughout the district, as green corn grows freely for several months, and provision would thus be made for the occasional short periods of drought. The exhibit is a comprehensive one, consisting of hay and chaff made from most fodder-plants under cultivation.

(11) **Wool**: Shown in greasy and scoured states. During protracted droughts in other districts the Wallum country is used for starving sheep, and these animals appear to do well while depastured upon this land.





VIEW FROM URRAWEEEN.
Frazer's Island is seen in the Far Distance.

ADDENDA.

Pialba and its immediate neighbourhood form Divisions 1 and 2 of the Burrum Shire.

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Average Crop of cane per acre: Pialba, 25 tons; Takura, 40 tons.

Amount Railed from Pialba, Nikenbah, and Takura, during last season, 35,000 tons.

Mills Supplied: Maryborough, Bauple, and Doolbi.

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The Minimum Weight carried on a four-wheeled wagon is five tons.

Price per ton last season for Pialba cane: £2 10s.

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First-class, 5s. 11d.; Second-class, 4s. 1d.

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First-class, 4s. 8d.; Second-class, 3s. 2d.

Pialba to Maryborough, Saturday:

Excursion, 1s. 9d.

Distance from Maryborough:

Pialba, by rail, 25 miles.

Takura, by rail, 17 miles.

Boonooroo, by road, 14 miles; by water, 35 miles.

Tinana, by road, 2½ miles; by water, 6 miles.

Island Plantation, by road or water, 4 miles.

Distance from Urangan Jetty:

Maryborough, by rail or road, 29 miles.

Takura, by road or rail, 13 miles.

Pialba, by rail or road, 4 miles.

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
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